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SUBJ: IMF/WORLD BANK MEETINGS: VISIT BY MOROCCAN
FINACE MINISTER GHISSASSI

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, WE HAVE TAKEN INITIAL SOUNDINGS AND FIND THAT PROSPECTS
ARE FAIRLY GOOD FOR OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS FOR GHISSASSI
WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND EXIMBANK CHAIRMAN MOORE, BUT
NOT WITH TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL. WE CANNOT FIND OR-
GANIZATION IN WASHINGTON INTERESTED IN GHISSASSI SPEECH,
BUT POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF SOMETHING WITH BCIU IN NEW YORK.
(ACCORDING TO BIO WE HAVE OF GHISSASSI, HE SPEAKS ONLY
FRENCH, WHICH IS IMPEDIMENT TO DRAWING A LARGE AUDIENCE IN
ANY CASE.)

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2. WE HAVE COMMUNICATED ABOVE INFORMALLY TO MOROCCAN
CHARGE BENJELLOUN, WHO ADVISES THAT HE HAS NO INFORMATION
ABOUT VISIT. SUGGEST YOU RETURN TO GHISSASSI'S DIRECTEUR
DE CABINET WITH ABOVE INFO AND ASK HIM TO REQUEST MOROCCAN
EMBASSY TO UNDERTAKE COORDINATION OF GHISSASSI'S SCHEDULE
IN WASHINGTON, SO THAT THE CALLS CAN BE FITTED INTO THE

PROGRAM OF BANK AND FUND MEETINGS. SINCE SECRETARY BLUMEN-
THAL WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE, WOULD GHISSASSI BE INTERESTED

IN A MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY? IS
THERE ANY REASON TO TRY TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH UNDER
SECRETARY COOPER?

3. WOULD RECOMMEND THAT MOROCCAN EMBASSY ALSO BE REQUESTED
TO HANDLE REQUEST TO OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM. THEY ARRANGED
THE VISIT TO OCCIDENTAL FOR SAADI EARLIER THIS YEAR AND CAN
BETTER COORDINATE THE WHOLE SCHEDULE THAN CAN WE. CHRISTOPHER

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